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Application No.: 10/617,821

Docket No.: 2450-0520P

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to prevention of unauthorized use of data or data modification, classified in class 726, subclass 26; and

Group II, claims 10-12, drawn to system reconfiguration, classified in class 713, subclass 100.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-9.

It is respectfully submitted that it should be no undue burden on the Examiner to consider all claims in the single application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner persists in this requirement, Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional application at a later time, if so desired.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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